

Please cancel claims 12-15 without acquiescence in the Examiner's reasons for rejections and without prejudice to pursue this or another application.

Please add the following new claims 16-24:

16. (new) A nutritional or dietary composition comprising:
approximately 0.1 to 10 weight percent solid, dried, viable bacteria
approximately 2.5 to 20 weight percent dried, non-living yeast, and
approximately 25 to 98 weight percent protein concentrate.

17. (new) The composition of claim 16, wherein the composition is a solid, dry, granular admixture of the viable bacteria, the non-living yeast, and the protein concentrate.

18. (new) The composition of claim 16, wherein the viable bacteria is selected from the group consisting of Lactobacilli strains, Streptococci strains, Pedicocci strains, Leuconostoc strains, and Propionibacterium shermanii.

19. (new) The composition of claim 16, wherein the non-living yeast is selected from the group consisting of Brewer's and Baker's yeast.

20. (new) The composition of claim 16, wherein the protein concentrate is selected from the group consisting of whey, animal and soy protein isolates.

21. (new) The composition of claim 16, 17, 18, 19 or 20 further comprising a flavoring agent.